

MISCELLANY

Under this department are ordinarily grouped: News Items; Letters; Special Articles; Twenty-Five Years Ago column; California Board of Medical Examiners; and other columns as occasion may warrant. Items for News column must be furnished by the fifteenth of the preceding month. For Book Reviews, see index on the front cover, under Miscellany.

NEWS

Coming Meetings†

California Medical Association. Place and date of the 73rd Annual Session, to be held in 1944, to be announced later.

American Medical Association. No meetings of Scientific Assembly. Meeting of House of Delegates will be held in Chicago, on Monday, June 7, 1943.

The Platform of the American Medical Association

The American Medical Association advocates:

1. *The establishment of an agency of Federal Government under which shall be coordinated and administered all medical and health functions of the Federal Government, exclusive of those of the Army and Navy.*

2. *The allotment of such funds as the Congress may make available to any state in actual need for the prevention of disease, the promotion of health, and the care of the sick on proof of such need.*

3. *The principle that the care of the public health and the provision of medical service to the sick is primarily a local responsibility.*

4. *The development of a mechanism for meeting the needs of expansion of preventive medical services with local determination of needs and local control of administration.*

5. *The extension of medical care for the indigent and the medically indigent with local determination of needs and local control of administration.*

6. *In the extension of medical services to all the people, the utmost utilization of qualified medical and hospital facilities already established.*

7. *The continued development of the private practice of medicine, subject to such changes as may be necessary to maintain the quality of medical services and to increase their availability.*

8. *Expansion of public health and medical services consistent with the American system of democracy.*

Medical Broadcasts*

The Los Angeles County Medical Association:

The following is the Los Angeles County Medical Association's radio broadcast schedule for the current month, all broadcasts being given on Saturdays.

KFAC presents the Saturday programs at 8:45 a.m., under the title "Your Doctor and You."

In June, KFAC will present these broadcasts on the following Saturdays: June 5, 12, 19, and 26.

The Saturday broadcasts of KECA are given at 10:45 a.m., under the title "The Road of Health."

"Doctors at War":

Radio broadcasts of Doctors at War by the American Medical Association in cooperation with the National Broadcasting Company and the Medical Department of the United States Army and the United States Navy are on the air each Saturday at 2 p. m. Pacific War Time.

† In the front advertising section of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, various rosters of national officers and organizations appear each week, each list being printed about every fourth week.

* County societies giving medical broadcasts are requested to send information as soon as arranged.

Pharmacological Items of Potential Interest to Clinicians*:

1. *Abstracts:* probably are best way to get out ideas these hectic days! Those of the *Detroit American Chemical Society* April meeting may be obtained from A.C.S., 1155 16th St. N.W., Washington, D. C. W. P. terHorst notes high fungicidal action of dichloronaphthoquinone. G. J. Martin shows that sulfonamides increase nutritional requirements. F. H. Schultz & Co., of Stamford, confirm our self-aid ideas in handling war gas exposure. Lots on anti-malarials: K. C. Frisch and M. T. Bogart find veratrole derivatives interesting; M. T. Leffler studies 9-aminoalkyl-aminoacridines. F. Bernheim & Co. find iodine aromatics inhibit tubercle bacilli (triiodobenzoic acid is nontoxic for humans). F. Linsker and M. T. Bogert study amidino arsenicals, which should be broad chemotherapeutic agents. D. L. Tabern finds desoxyephedrine a volatile vasopressor. *Federation Proceedings Abstracts* (2:1-106, 1943), also reflect interest in antimalarials: A. C. Ivy & Co. find moderate retention of atabrine, with considerable excretion in bile and urine; R. E. Hewitt and A. P. Richardson show that effective antimalarials cause degenerative changes in plasmodia; F. J. Stare & Co. note little nutritional interference from atabrine, except in high doses (40 mg/kg) J. F. McClendon claims prevention of dental caries by brushing with fluorapatite. M. B. Chenoweth and W. Modell partially extract active uterus relaxing principle from raspberry leaves. And, of course, there are many notes on effects of low oxygen tension. Also the Physiological Society reports almost as many pharmacological papers as the Pharmacology Society.

2. *The Great James Blake Lab Gang:* B. Abreau finds that morphine reduces uterine action while demerol does not (*Fed. Proc.*, 2:73, 1943). G. Alles turns out a pair of honeys on amine oxidase (*J. Biol. Chem.*, 147:487, 505, 1943). L. Chan, S. Spirodanoff and E. Way observe biological interference between thiopantothenic acid and pantothenic acid (*Fed. Proc.*, 2:92, 1943). G. A. Emerson, J. Finnegan and J. Morrison report bacteriostatic and choleric effect of chloroacetate (*Ibid.*, p. 78). E. R. Hart notes antagonistic action of N-allyl-normorphine against morphine (*Ibid.*, p. 82). P. K. Knoefel finds phenisopropyl amines (benzedrine and pervitin) increase work output (*Ibid.*, p. 83). S. A. Peoples shows that ether completely inhibits hypoglycemic action of insulin, as predicted erstwhile (*Ibid.*, p. 88). D. Marsh notes neoarsphenamine causes rise in pulmonary blood pressure (*Ibid.*, p. 87). Some gang! F. P. Luduena even gives it a boost (*Rev. Med. Rosario*, 33:84, 1943). Here's to James Blake!

3. *Still More Books: Protein Hormones of the Pituitary Body*, by H. Van Dyke, B. Chow, H. Fevold, G. Irving, C. Long, V. du Vigneaud, is issued by the Annals of the New York Academy of Science (63:6, 1943). Commonwealth Fund publishes revised ed. I. F. Huddleson's *Brucellosis in Man and Animals*, and G. L. Muller's *Clinical Significance of Blood in Tuberculosis*. Cattell Press, Lancaster, offers E. F. Adolph's *Physiological Regulation*, dealing with water balance (\$7.50). A. W. Franks, of Montreal, has 4 vols. of H. Selye's *Index of*

* These items, submitted by Chauncey D. Leake, formerly Director of U. C. Pharmacologic Laboratory, now Dean of University of Texas Medical School.

Steroid Hormones for \$19.50. Internat. Labor Office issues *Occupation and Health* in 2 vols. at \$20.00 (World Peace Foundation, 8 W. 40th St., N. Y. C.). And F. H. Albee tells about his *Surgeon's Fight to Rebuild Men*.

4. *Tooting Our Own*: D. Calvin says maternal parathyroid deficiency increases fetal thymus (*Fed. Proc.*, 2:5, 1943). W. Collings, H. Swann, C. Dernehl and J. Cline note more insensible water loss on exposure to low pressure (*Ibid.*, p. 7). E. Porter and E. Callahan find ischemia improves neuromuscular conduction may cause overcontraction, as in intermittant claudication (*Ibid.*, p. 38). W. Selle studies periodic discharges of respiratory center (*Ibid.*, p. 44). F. Schlenk inactivates codehydrogenase I by alkali (*Ibid.*, p. 70). P. Ewing and F. Schlenk find adeninethiomethyl pentose has less untoward effects than adenosine when used in treating nutritional deficiencies (*Ibid.*, p. 78). R. Gregory, P. Ewing and H. Levine suggest azotemia from gastric bleeding may be due to absorption of digested blood (*Ibid.*, p. 81). E. Porter and J. Lockhart indicate that there may be real antagonism between morphine and strychnine (*Ibid.*, p. 89). E. Poth and C. Ross find phthalylsulfathiazole superior to the succinyl derivative in controlling watery diarrhea (*Ibid.*, p. 89). J. Roberts, et al, report on nourishment of the heart (*Ibid.*, p. 90). Some gang, too!

Soiland of Los Angeles, who was recently assigned to active service in the United States Navy:

Forty-eight years ago in a little, dingy laboratory, Professor Roentgen discovered a phenomenon that astonished the scientific world. In these few years this phenomenon, before unknown on land or sea, and called the x-ray, has contributed in no small measure to the diagnosis and treatment of the sick and injured.

It is with sincere pride that the Radiological Section of the Los Angeles County Medical Association had the privilege of honoring one of its members, Captain Albert Soiland, M.C., U.S.N.R., at a dinner at the University Club on May 5, 1943, celebrating the seventieth anniversary of his birth and breaking bread with one so esteemed by his colleagues.

Dr. Soiland was a pioneer working in the field of Radiology and has carried on where Professor Roentgen left off. He is nationally and internationally known for his many contributions to medical science. His many friends, comprising celebrities of his native country, United States Naval officers, members of our civic organizations, and professional colleagues, attested to the respect that is his from his fellowmen.

The Honorable Fletcher Bowron, Mayor of Los Angeles, recognized him as a good citizen. The Honorable Erling S. Bent, Norwegian Consul, paid tribute to Dr. Soiland's loyalty to his native country and his dutiful position as an American citizen.

Commander John D. Camp, U.S.N.R., of the Mayo Clinic, and now stationed at Corona, gave the scientific address of the evening. His subject was, "The Origin and Development of the Science of Roentgenology." The speaker noted Dr. Soiland's contributions to roentgenology, and followed the development of roentgenology



Testimonial Dinner to Captain Albert Soiland (M.C.) U.S.N.R. (Now in Active Service), on the Occasion of His 70th Birthday, at the University Club in Los Angeles, May 5, 1943.

Names of those who are standing at the head table, reading from left to right, follow: 1. Ambassador Lauritz Swenson; 2. Dr. Clarence E. Toland; 3. Captain Wm. Michael; 4. Dr. George H. Kress; 5. Admiral Ralston Holmes; 6. Captain Albert Soiland; 7. Dr. John W. Crossan; 8. Dr. Lowell S. Goin; 9. Commander John D. Camp; 10. Captain H. L. Jensen; 11. Consul Erling S. Bent; 12. Dr. E. V. Askey; 13. Captain J. C. Ruddock; and 14. Dr. Fernando Machado.

Captain Albert Soiland of Los Angeles, Honored on His Seventieth Birthday

In the *Bulletin* of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, over the name of the Committee on Arrangements (John W. Crossan, M.D., Douglass MacColl, M.D., and Roy Johnson, M.D.), in its issue of May 20th, appeared the following account of a testimonial dinner given in honor of the 70th birthday of Dr. Albert

from the Crook's tube to its scientific application to every phase of the practice of medicine and surgery.

Captain W. Howard Michael, M.C., U.S.N., commented on the esteem in which Dr. Soiland is held in naval circles and officially notified him of his promotion to Captain.

One of the highest ranking officers in the most active combat duty of our fleet wired, "Sorry I can't be with you, you old squarehead." That's love and affection.

Members of the Pacific Roentgen Society in the vicinity

of San Francisco gathered at dinner in honor of Dr. Soiland. They wired their congratulations. Dr. Douglass MacColl presented Dr. Soiland with a beautiful lighter with congratulations from the Pacific Roentgen Society.

Space is too limited even to approach the many outstanding features of the evening.

Dr. Lowell S. Goin, master of ceremonies, presented a scroll bearing the signatures of those present which expressed the combined sentiments of all. It read, "Please accept this scroll as a tribute to you, Captain Albert Soiland, in recognition of your outstanding contribution to science. Your great skill, combined with a high sense of public duty, has endeared you to all. May your matchless gifts long continue to help mankind."

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The Committee arranged the following program:

1. *National Anthem.* Lead by Mr. Otto Ploetz. All standing.
2. All seated but not starting dinner until after the following number which will be concluded by all singing "Happy Birthday."
3. "It's Somebody's Birthday." "Happy Birthday." (Birthday cake brought in.) Mr. Otto Ploetz.
4. Soft, distant music during dinner. By American Trio.
5. *Dinner.*
6. Introduction of the Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Lowell S. Goin, by Dr. John W. Crossan, Chairman.
7. *Introductions.* By Master of Ceremonies, Dr. Lowell S. Goin.
8. Duet: Leta Maye, formerly with Chicago Opera Co., and Robert (Rober), formerly with Paris Opera Comique.
9. *Remarks* by the President of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, Dr. E. Vincent Askey.
10. *Remarks.* By Hon. Fletcher Bowron, Mayor of Los Angeles.
11. Animated Puppets. Roger Wesley.
12. Eulogy of Commander Soiland. By Dr. George H. Kress.
13. Solo. Mr. Otto Ploetz.
14. Address "Origin and Development of the Science of Roentgen." By Commander John D. Camp. (Address appears in current issue of C. and W. M.)
15. Duet: Leta Maye and Robert (Rober).
16. *Remarks.* Dr. Savant (?), of South America.
17. Presentation of gift from Pacific Roentgen Club. By President Dr. Douglass R. MacColl.
18. Presentation of Promotion Order to Captaincy by Captain William Michael.
19. Presentation of Scroll. By Dr. Lowell S. Goin.
20. "Auld Lang Syne." Led by Mr. Otto Ploetz.

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Press item which follows appeared in the Los Angeles Examiner:

DR. ALBERT SOILAND, 70, MADE CAPTAIN IN THE
UNITED STATES NAVY

Just turned 70, Dr. Albert Soiland has been advanced from commander to captain in the U. S. Naval Reserve as a birthday present and in recognition of his work as assistant inspector of naval medical activities on the West Coast.

"I'm just beginning to work," he declared yesterday.

A testimonial banquet was given him Wednesday by the radiology section of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, a section he founded.

Congratulatory messages came from Crown Prince Olav and Princess Martha of Norway, his native land; from President Roosevelt, and high U. S. Navy officers.

A cancer specialist, Dr. Soiland, with headquarters at Long Beach, is charged with standardizing radiation therapy in naval hospitals.

Santa Barbara County Wins Health Service Award.

—Names of 33 cities and counties in 18 states winning awards in the 1942 National Health Honor Roll Contest were announced today by the United States Chamber of Commerce and the American Public Health Association, which jointly sponsor this annual contest in community health promotion and preservation.

War busy Michigan led all other states both in the number of participating communities and awards won.

This year's awards in this 14-year-old program were made to those areas among the more than 550 participating communities for general and specific achievements

in maintaining a well balanced public program for protecting the public health.

In California, among the twenty winning counties was included: Santa Barbara County.

Awards were presented to the winners during the Chamber's annual meeting, held in New York, April 27 to 29.

Dr. Maurice L. Tainter Leaves Stanford.—Maurice L. Tainter, M.D., professor of pharmacology, Stanford University, and also professor of pharmacology and head of the division of physiological sciences, College of Physicians and Surgeons, at San Francisco, has been named research director of the Winthrop Chemical Company, Inc.

In addition to his university associations, Dr. Tainter has been serving as a consultant on chemical warfare to the San Francisco War Council, and also as State gas consultant for the California State Council on Defense. In these two capacities, Dr. Tainter has been actively interested in the organizational side of chemical warfare defense.

A native of Iowa, Dr. Tainter first attended the University of Iowa, later obtaining his A. B. degree from Stanford, where he subsequently also earned his A.M. and M.D. degrees. He became professor of pharmacology at Stanford in 1935.

Death of Dr. Roy Allan Dafoe: Physician to the "Quints."—Even in the midst of a war that has brought our world crashing down about our ears, the death of Dr. Roy Allan Dafoe on June 2nd, is news of high interest value in every land and language. Wherever the news reaches, as it will in time the most remote places, the passing of the "Quints' doctor" will be noted.

Seldom does destiny so clearly reveal the quirks by which its favored sons are suddenly brought to fame and fortune. A simple country doctor, in most primitive surroundings, he became almost overnight the most widely known member of his profession.

A peculiar set of circumstances worked this marvel. A French Canadian woman became the mother of five daughters. She lived in Callander, Ontario. Dr. Dafoe was the only doctor within a wide radius. He attended the birth. The quintette lived. Any one of the circumstances beyond Dr. Dafoe's control could have gone wrong. We should have heard little or nothing of this unique incident. But they did not go wrong and Dr. Dafoe did his best to see that none within his control were neglected.

This was a most important circumstance, that destiny picked a candidate whose best was good enough. Yet it is no disparagement of Dr. Dafoe to say that there probably are thousands of obscure country doctors who do their task equally as well, and are as well equipped for it. Dr. Dafoe showed his real measure by recognizing this fact. He capitalized his publicity no more than the circumstances forced him to. He died as he had lived, a simple and honest country doctor, who did his duty, a proof that "the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong . . . but time and chance happeneth to them all."—Editorial in San Francisco Chronicle, June 4.

Bill Signed to Aid U. C. Clinic Work in San Francisco.—Ultimate expenditure of a \$2,000,000 State appropriation for completion of the Langley Porter Clinic, the University of California's teaching hospital in San Francisco, appeared assured with Governor Warren's

approval of a bill by Assemblyman Gardiner Johnson of Berkeley, on June 2nd.

The money was appropriated originally by the 1941 legislature, but wartime priorities, restrictions and other obstacles prevented completion of the institution. The Johnson bill carries the appropriation forward, preventing it from reverting to the general fund at the end of the current biennium, June 30, 1943.

California Board of Nurse Examiners.—As members of the Advisory Committee to the State Board of Nurse Examiners, the C.M.A. Council has appointed Dr. Anthony B. Diepenbrock of San Francisco and Dr. John V. Barrow of Los Angeles.

U. S. Gains 2,628 Doctors in Year.—There was a net gain of 2,628 doctors in the United States last year.

Statistics gathered by the American Medical Association's council of medical education and hospitals, and based on new licenses and certificates issued in 1942, said 5,981 physicians were added to the profession's population. During the same period, 3,353 deaths were recorded.

Dr. E. Vincent Askey Resigns as President of Los Angeles School Board.—Dr. Edwin Vincent Askey, member of the Los Angeles City Board of Education for the last six years, resigned his post yesterday and J. Paul Elliott, an attorney, was elected unanimously by the board to succeed him.

Wartime pressure of his work as a physician forces him to relinquish his position on the board, Dr. Askey explained in his letter of resignation. . . . His term, now to be served by Elliott, expires June 30, 1945. The new member, a practicing lawyer here for the last 23 years, was nominated by Lawrence L. Larrabee.

Accept With Regret

In his letter of resignation to the board, Dr. Askey said:

"As long as the war continues I feel my first duties in the practice of medicine. I do not believe that a man should hold a position of public office unless he can meet the demands of that office. For that reason I hereby tender my resignation to take effect at once." . . .

Dr. Askey was elected to the board for a four-year term in May, 1937. During the 1940-41 school year he served as president of the board, during which time he vigorously opposed excessive school budgets and urged concern for the problems of taxpayers. He was reelected for a second four-year term in 1941. . . . —Los Angeles Times, May 11.

American College of Chest Physicians.—Meeting at Los Angeles, on May 2nd, in connection with the annual meeting of the state medical association, the following officers were elected for the California Chapter of the American College of Chest Physicians:

Dr. Stephen A. Parowski, President, San Diego; Dr. Charles L. Ianne, Vice-President, San Jose; Dr. J. J. Singer, Secretary-Treasurer, Los Angeles.

Press Clippings.—Some news items from the daily press on matters related to medical practice follow:

State Association's Chief, Dr. Molony, Lauds Family Doctor

The importance of the general practitioner—the old-fashioned physician—was stressed yesterday by Dr. William R. Molony, Sr., retiring president of the California Medical Association.

Presiding at the 72nd annual convention of the organization, Dr. Molony pointed out the need for experienced physicians in general practice to assume the burden of treating thousands of civilians while other physicians are working with the Armed Forces.

Specialists Few

"Competent general practitioners can take care of 85 per cent of all the medical cases," Dr. Molony said. "The remaining 15 per cent must be handled by specialists."

"Many of these specialists have been called into the Armed Forces, but some percentage of their practice can be handled by general practitioners who have had adequate training."

"It is up to the medical profession to provide the physicians and surgeons and specialists wherever possible to meet the demands of the civilian population."

Appeals to Hospitals

Dr. Molony asked hospitals, some of which have urged specialization of all physicians working on their staffs, to broaden their policy and accept more general practitioners.

"The reason for this," he said, "is that we have thousands of young doctors entering practice who must not be denied an opportunity to enter general practice of medicine and surgery."

"In this time of war it is more important than ever that every physician and surgeon be given an opportunity to practice the full scope of his profession and release as many specialists as possible to the Armed Forces and thus save more lives of the boys on the battle fronts."—Los Angeles Times, May 4.

Rationing Held Aid In Diabetes Fight

Medical Association Told Fewer Rich Foods to Curb Disease and Insulin Will Help Cure It

Hope for 18,000,000 sufferers of diabetes in the United States was held out yesterday by Dr. W. D. Sansum of Santa Barbara, pioneer advocate of the insulin treatment for the disease.

Dr. Sansum gave his message at the 72nd annual convention of the California Medical Association in the Biltmore Hotel, where he was one of the principal speakers.

Diet and Exercise

"Rationing of rich foods will reduce greatly the average rate of diabetic patients," Dr. Sansum said. "People exercise too little and eat too much."

Dr. Sansum pointed out that 18,000,000 overweight people in the United States are now diabetic patients. This figure, however, should not be alarming because 51 per cent of them do not require treatment but only diet and exercise.

For the more seriously afflicted patients medical science offers insulin, which provides the element secreted by the pancreatic glands of the stomach and deficient in the bodies of those suffering from diabetes, Dr. Sansum explained.

Agree on Causes

"Most investigators agree that a blood sugar which is too high causes sugar diabetes to become progressively worse," he said. "In unduly elevated blood sugar after meals may be the precipitating cause of diabetes in those who are already predisposed to this disorder."

"More important, still, from a statistical viewpoint, the abnormally high blood sugar caused by overeating may have been the most important factor in the development of this disorder in the very large group of obese diabetic patients."

Session Streamlined

The 2,000 physicians and surgeons from all over California, who attended the convention, concentrated their efforts into a two-day session instead of the four days always required during peace times.

Much of the lecture time was taken up by the discussions of commissioned officers of the Armed Forces in the Medical Corps of the United States Army, United States Navy and Marine Corps.

These doctors, many of them recently returned from the battlefronts, told of the saving of thousands of lives of wounded men by the use of sulphur drugs. These drugs, it was pointed out, have proved to be the greatest foe of infection ever discovered by the medical profession.

New President

As the convention reached its conclusion, Dr. William R. Molony, Sr., President of the California Medical Association for the last year, stepped down from his position to be replaced by Dr. Karl Schaupp of San Francisco, who will direct the organization for the next year.

Dr. Lowell S. Goin of Los Angeles was prominently mentioned as for the position of president.